



December 20, 2002

Mr. Richard Winfield
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Re: Request for Information, Passaic River Study Area – Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, Kleer Kast Division of PMC, Inc.

Dear Mr. Winfield:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 25, 2002 requesting a follow-up of our response dated January 16, 1997. Earlier this week, I spoke with Kedari Reddy of your office regarding several difficulties in responding within the 30 days requested. We are therefore asking for an extension on the timing for our response until January 31, 2003.

The Kleer Kast operations ended in mid-1997. The extension is necessary due to the closure of the Kleer Kast operations, turn-over and unavailability of project personnel and the need to locate and retrieve archived files. Further, the connection you indicate between the site, Frank's Creek and the Passaic River is under investigation.

Since the receipt of your letter, we have been attempting to document the presence and flow of Frank's Creek relative to our site. Several agencies have been contacted and information requests are being processed. We will keep you informed of our progress in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the address and phone numbers indicated.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller, Director
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Kedari Reddy (USEPA)

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